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## LAWRENCE COUNTY OIL FIELD SLOWLY WINNING ITS WAY

### Oil Men Beginning to Take Notice of Kentucky's Only Berea Production.

With better weather and better roads the activity in the oil fields of Lawrence county is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Nobody has been boosting Lawrence county's field, the only one in Kentucky now marketing oil from the famous Berea grit. For eight years a pipe line has been carrying our high grade production to the refineries with about as little noise as ever was produced by a real oil field. We now have more than 200 Berea wells. And about 25 in the Weir sand in the extreme western part of the county, the field discovered by the Union Gas & Oil company. This company also is marketing a considerable quantity of gas from wells in that vicinity.

The fact is gradually leaking out into the oil world that Lawrence county is underlaid with oil and that only in a few spots may dry holes reasonably be expected.

The grade of oil produced is of medium Pennsylvania grade. The price of \$6.25 is being paid in some parts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio for oil that does not make as high tests as our oil; but it is only fair to state that there is a grade of "Pennsylvania" higher in some contents than ours shows, notably in paraffine. It is believed that our product will sooner or later bring the Pennsylvania price.

**New Operations.**

The Ohio Cities Oil Company is starting a 13 inch hole on the farm of Mrs. Jennie Carter near Irad, expecting to go to the corniferous sand, which should occur at about 2100 to 2400 feet. This will be a good test.

The Central Oil Company is drilling a well on James W. Akers farm across the river from Richardson. The company has 1000 acres leased.

The Fisher company is drilling on Dr. Burgess farm near Kias station. On account of a caving at 325 feet the well was cased at that point with 8 inch.

A well is being started on the James Grubb farm near Yatesville.

A rig is being set up by the Ken Pa company on Mrs. Alex. Stump's farm at Walbridge.

Another well is being started on the farm.

The New Domain will drill soon on Ohio Fuel on the George Carter, Sr., E. E. Shannon's and adjoining James McGuire, two miles north of Louisa. Also, a well on James McGuire off-setting the M. L. Johns well.

The well of Johns brothers just across the river from Louisa is showing up better than an average well for the local field. Another location has been made on an adjacent tract and Creel brothers will drill it.

In Johnson and Magoffin.

Some of the pipe for an oil line extension to the Johnson and Magoffin fields has been received at Paintsville and will be laid very soon. Then the development can go on more rapidly.

This field looks good and there is considerable excitement over the strikes already made. The deposits are mostly in the Weir sand.

### DEATH OF MRS. MARY WARD.

Mrs. Mary Ward died at her home in Paintsville after a few days illness. She was a sister of Mr. J. H. Preston, of this place. Mrs. Ward was an excellent woman. She had lived in Paintsville several years. She is survived by three sons, Lyle Ward of Williams, W. Va., George Ward of Pikeville and Junior of Paintsville and three daughters, Mrs. R. D. Hinkle, Jr., of Richardson, Mrs. Ellen Clifton of Dry Ridge, and Miss Hester Ward of Paintsville.

The burial took place Wednesday at the old home a few miles below Paintsville.

The cause of her death was leakage of the heart.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, Miss Pauline Carter has been called from our midst to the School of which our Heavenly Father is teacher, and inasmuch as while a student in the Bowling Green Business University she distinguished herself, not only in her classes, but in her church life and in her home life as a Christian of beautiful character, always taking an active part in church services and setting an example of Christian living before all those in her boarding home and in the school, thus exemplifying in her daily walk the faith of her inner life, we wish her dear ones to know that we shall always rejoice that we had the privilege of knowing her and associating with her and catching from her some conception of the upright, the pure and the beautiful in Christian living; that we shall hold in sweet memory the example she set, the energy in performing her daily task and the influence she exerted over those with whom she came in touch; that we hereby tender to her parents and other loved ones our sincere sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELISE FLOWERS,  
ELIZABETH SMITHSON,  
L. G. NOFFSINGER,  
Committee.  
Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 15, 1920.

### CEREDO ELECTION WAS NECK AND NECK RACE

Dr. F. D. Marcum, heading the People's Progressive ticket, was elected Mayor of Ceredo in the municipal election Saturday by a majority of one vote over his opponent E. H. Smith, of the Citizens' Progressive ticket. Curtis Wright, candidate on the People's ticket, defeated Henry Mays, Citizens' ticket, by four votes. Four of the five candidates on the Citizens' ticket for council membership were elected as follows: John Ferguson, John Grate, Creed Burks and J. E. Perdue. Three of the candidates for the fifth vacancy in the council tied, F. H. Hinkle, People's ticket, and Thomas Wright and Henry McFann, Citizens' ticket, polling 125 votes each.—Wayne News.

### TWO ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Ashland, Ky., March 23.—Bob Whitney, Clarence Webb and Harless Pack of Catlettsburg were tried before Commissioner Joe Spears on the charge of robbing a box car in Lawrence county and were committed to jail to await the arrival of Lawrence county authorities. Some time during last night Webb and Whitney made their escape from the jail by going through the ceiling and on through the attic. They then went into the women's ward and made ropes of the blankets and let themselves down to the ground.

### BETTER SERVICE BY C. & O. R. R.

The Courier-Journal says:—Announcement of improvements and additions affecting the road's local service was made yesterday by George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, during his stay in Louisville on an inspection trip of the entire line.

Accompanied by other high officials of the company, President Stevens is making his first personal survey of the Chesapeake & Ohio system since return of railroads to their owners.

Changes and improvements, which will become effective on or about April 24, Mr. Stevens said, were part of the company's plan to restore pre-war conditions, remove inconveniences to travel which military requirements necessitated.

The through passenger train to Washington which has departed at 3:50 o'clock and make the same connections as heretofore, as the result of rearranging factor schedules.

The New York train, which has been leaving Louisville at 8 o'clock in the morning will not depart until 9 o'clock, maintaining, however, its former connections.

The afternoon train will carry an extra Pullman for accommodation of passengers to Richmond, Va.

A combination buffet and parlor car will be put on between Ashland and Pikeville, connecting with main line trains at Ashland, Laurel, through Pullman cars will be operated between Ashland, Ky., and Sparta, S. C.

### GIRL WHO SAW THINGS BACKWARD SUCCUMBS

Paris, Ky., March 22.—Josephine English, 17 years old, the only known person to have a defect in vision which caused her to see everything backward, died at Maudie hospital of burns suffered when her clothing ignited at a grate. The child wrote backward and her manuscript had to be held to a mirror to be read. Occultists pronounced her case unique.

### WAYNE ITEMS

At its regular meeting held at Wayne last Saturday, Wayne County Post No. 45 of the American Legion decided to launch a drive for two hundred new members by July 1st. Every former soldier in the county will be solicited to join this organization of ex-service men which has for its purpose the welfare of every man who did duty during the late war. In the legion a buck private rates just as high as a Major or Rear-Admiral; there are no distinctions of any kind.

There were approximately seven hundred deaths in Wayne county in the past twelve months, according to the Assessor's annual report to the county clerk. Of this number it is estimated 50 per cent, or 350, of the pneumonia. The county death rate deaths were caused by influenza and was probably considerably higher than this, as not all deaths were reported.

Wayne Chapter No. 18 Royal Arch Masons initiated twenty men last week which is one of the largest teams that has been put through in some time.

### AURORA BOREALIS.

The Northern Lights were so active last Monday night that most everybody here was out to see the strange display. This electrical disturbance was so strong that telegraphic work was delayed almost an hour in the eastern cities.

### U. S. SENATOR CONVICTED.

Senator Newberry, of Michigan, and about 20 associates have been convicted in United States court for buying the United States Senatorship and sentenced to imprisonment, in addition to being fined heavily. Newberry got two years and a fine of \$10,000. He announces that he will continue to act as United States Senator until removed. Another evidence of the degeneracy of the United States Senate.

### Dr. Shannon Preaches in Frankfort Church

The following is from the State Journal of a few days ago when Dr. Shannon was in Frankfort visiting his brother, Hon. E. E. Shannon:

Rev. Fred Shannon, D. D., pastor of Old Centre Church, Chicago, preached to a full house in the Baptist church last night, representing all the congregations in the city.

A very delightful solo entitled "Lead Me Gently Home Father," was sung by Mrs. L. S. Johnson, of Louisa, Ky., the home of Dr. Shannon. He is one of the most popular pulpit orators in Chicago, and occupies the most difficult post in the great city—a down-town church, in the hotels near which each Sunday 150,000 strangers are entertained.

The doctor's text is found in Psalm 119th chapter and 19th verse: "I Am a Stranger in a Strange Land." The doctor set forth the idea of everybody being a pilgrim on a great pilgrimage from time to eternity. The speaker said in part: "If a stranger in a strange land, then is he homeless. Like the Arab pitching his tent from a Sabbath day's journey to a Sabbath day's journey towards home, which is the dearest place to his heart—the eternal abode of the soul. A Christ prepared place, who said, 'I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also.'"

"If a stranger, then he needs the comforts of hospitality. In this cruel and selfish world let us be kind and considerate, lending aid and supplying the wants of each other."

"If a stranger, then he needs, in this unfriendly world, entertainment and friendship, and words of cheer and encouragement. Let us lend a helping hand to the brother who is lonely and discouraged, knowing that by considering another man's misery we bolster ourselves."

"If a stranger, then he wants to see the sights. It is unnecessary to trot the globe to see the glories of the world. Know, O man, that the land upon which ye stand is Holy ground. Behold and see the beauties all about you. Let the scales fall from your eyes, so that having eyes to see ye may see the wonders of God that are performed in and through and all around you—even the beauties of holiness."

"If a stranger, there your thoughts ever turn towards home—towards the home of your Father and Savior and Comforter. To that home on high—to the building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. To that home of the saints made perfect through the blood of the Lamb, where our loved ones are gathered awaiting our joyful coming. To that home pure and undefiled where sickness, death and partings are not known. To that home of song and harmony and eternal happiness."

### ONE BOY KILLS ANOTHER WITH AX

A very lamentable affair occurred near Osie, about 12 miles from Louisa, on Tuesday of this week, resulting in the death of a fine 15 year old son of Walter Jobe. He and a neighbor boy 14 years old, son of Kay Carter, were working near each other, using axes. A trivial controversy is reported to have arisen between them. The Jobe boy is said to have struck his axe into the ground near the other boy's foot. The Carter boy then struck Jobe on the head with the flat side of an axe, causing almost instant death. It is thought he had no intention of killing his companion.

His father brought him to Louisa yesterday and gave bond for his appearance later.

### OBITUARY

Lucinda Johnson was born April 12, 1832, and departed this life on Wednesday, February 25, 1920, at the ripe old age of 87 years, 10 months and 13 days. When she was 22 years old she was married to Thomas Johnson, who departed this life Dec. 14, 1897. To this union twelve children were born, eight are living—W. H. Boone, Theodore, Douglas, Mont, Mrs. A. H. Miller, Mrs. Gilbert Miller and Mrs. Harmon Boyd. They were all present at the burial except Mrs. Boyd, who could not attend on account of being sick. Green and Martha both died a few years ago, each leaving a family. Samantha and Rosa Belle died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her death 28 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

She was a daughter of the late Skidmore Muncey whose home was in the valley near Louisa. She had come to stay a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Miller and while there she took sick of the flu and a breakdown from which she never could recover.

She was converted when she was a young woman and was a member of the old M. E. Church and was a faithful Christian all these years. A short time before her death she told her children that she was ready and that she wanted the good Lord to take her home to heaven.

She was buried on the Friday following her death, at the old home place, beside her husband. The burial service was conducted by Rev. A. H. Miller. There was a large crowd despite the bad day of snow and ice. Grandma Johnson is gone, but we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

### MILLION DOLLAR BANK FOR ASHLAND

Mr. Jno. E. Buckingham and associates have perfected a deal whereby The Ashland National Bank and The Merchants Bank & Trust company of Ashland, Ky., will be consolidated. A new ten-story banking building will be erected on the site of the old National Bank. This deal has been under way for the past few months and only a few days ago the final arrangements were made for the merging of the two banks. The new bank will have a capital and surplus of one million dollars, making it the strongest bank in the State outside of Louisville.

Mr. Buckingham is President of The Paintsville National Bank of this city and is president of a number of other banks in the valley. He is the leading citizen of the Big Sandy Valley and the city of Ashland should feel proud of the fact that he is to be a citizen of that thriving city. As a banker and a progressive citizen he has few equals in the State.

While the Big Sandy Valley regrets to lose Mr. Buckingham we are consoled in the fact that he is not going far away.

We are informed that Mr. Buckingham will move his family to Ashland this fall or winter.—Paintsville Herald.

### WILLIAM ELSEY CONNELLEY.

The Courier-Journal is publishing a birthday column of native Kentuckians who have achieved distinction. On March 15th the following sketch was published. Mr. Connelley is a brother of Mrs. Thomas Luther, of Louisa:

William Elsey Connelley, author, was born in Johnson county, March 15, 1825. He is a son of Constantine and Rebecca (McCart) Connelley.

Mr. Connelley is principally a self-made man. In 1911, Baker University of Kansas conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

He was married to Sarah A. Fife of Plymouth, Ind.

For some time Mr. Connelley taught school in Johnson county, Kentucky, and Wyandotte county, Kansas. In 1881-2 he was County Clerk of Wyandotte county; 1888-92 he was in the wholesale lumber business at Springfield, Mo.; in 1892 he was connected with banking interests in Kansas City, Kan. He wrote the call for the first meeting of the oil men in Kansas, January, 1905, which resulted in the organization of the Kansas Oil Producers' Association and began the crusade against the Standard Oil Company of which resulted in the dissolution of that company by the Supreme Court of the United States.

He is a member of the Nebraska Historical Society, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, American Historical Society, Missouri Historical Society, American Folk-Lore Society, National Geographical Society and several others.

He is the author of the following works: "The Provisional Government of Nebraska Territory," 1299; "James Henry Lane," 1899; "Wyandotte Folk-Lore," 1899; "Kansas Territorial Governors," 1900; "John Brown," 1900; "Life of John J. Ingalls," 1903; "The Heckewelder Narratives" (edited), 1907; "Doniphan's Expedition," 1907; "Quantrill and the Border Wars," 1909; "Eastern Kentucky Papers," 1910, and "History of Kansas" (five volumes), 1917. He has a large collection of manuscripts relating to the American Indian, Kentucky and the West.

His address is at State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas.

### WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS OF NEWS

#### Child Shoots Father.

Death at the hands of his three year old son and a lame sake was the fate of Ernest Miller, assistant store manager at Layland, W. Va., a few days ago. The youngster shot his father inflicting a wound from which he died an hour later.

#### Engagement Announced.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Mary Elizabeth Hannan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Hannan, of Huntington, to Mr. William Orrin Percival, formerly of Cincinnati, now of Holden, W. Va., has been made. The wedding will take place some time in June. The groom at present is located in Holden, W. Va., as general superintendent of the Island Creek Coal company and is prominent in both business and social circles.

#### MEADS BRANCH

Our Sunday School started again last Sunday. There hadn't been any for about four weeks on account of flu and bad weather.

Sorry to hear of the death of Robt. Hartman, he was a great friend of the writer. The bereaved have our sympathy.

W. H. Johnson and wife were at Rev. A. H. Miller's for a week helping to wait on Mr. Johnson's mother during her sickness.

Theodore Johnson has returned to his home at Chillicothe, Ohio; also, Boon Johnson to his home at Burdine, Ky., and Mont Johnson has returned to Ethel, W. Va., where he has charge of a large company store.

Joe Miller, our Sunday School Supt., was visiting at Leo Meads' Sunday. Gus Hickman was visiting on Little Blaine last Sunday.

Frank Miller, who has employment with a timber company, paid home folks a visit last Sunday.

### Girls Injured by Explosion of Box of Dynamite Caps

The explosion of dynamite caps which they were trying to string as beads resulted in the serious injury of Mary Lewis, age 12, and her sister, Eva, age 4, daughters of James Lewis, of Cedar Run in Ceredo district, Wayne county. The two girls were taken to the Huntington General hospital Tuesday of last week following the explosion. Physicians are making an effort to save the eyesight of both girls but report that it will be several days before they can determine whether or not this is possible. Both girls suffered burns on the face and hands. The fingers of the left hand of the smaller girl were badly mangled.

According to the father of the girls the children were trying to string the dynamite caps for beads. Eva used a hammer to punch a hole through one of the caps which resulted in an explosion which set off all of the caps in the box. The girls will remain under medical attention in Huntington for the next several days. The Lewis family moved to Cedar Run only a short time ago.—Wayne News.

### CALL FOR MORE CAVALRY MEN

Louisa, Ky., March 23, 1920.

Dear Fellow-citizens:

I was authorized to and have made such effort as I was able to complete a troop of cavalry for our county with headquarters at Louisa. I have had the full support of every business man here. I have had so much sickness in my family that I have been unable to give it the attention I otherwise would have done, and so far I have not completed the unit. I have only fifty-one actually sworn in, and the requirement is seventy. Now several others have expressed a desire to join, but have not come in. I am unable to go out and see them, and so it goes.

Now I wish you fully understood the requirements of us after we are in. I know some of you have false ideas of it, otherwise it would have been filled long ago.

I am authorized to say to you that it shall not interfere with any vocation you may follow, nor with the school of any student. There is not a penny's expense attached, and it brings several thousand dollars a year into our county. We get our uniforms, and full equipment, horses and all arms and ammunition for target practice, and I say to you frankly that there is not a requirement that is not a matter of pleasure to every man in it. Enlistment in this unit carries no obligation whatever to serve in the National Guard reserve. We get a two weeks' encampment each year and are paid for all. What more could you ask? And then besides, we get a training worth many times its cost even if we served for nothing.

I hope the public spirited element of our county will come and assist me in this the greatest boon for our community we have had for many years.

Most sincerely,  
D. L. THOMPSON.

### ASHLAND, KY.

We are proud to say that after so long a time that the dreaded disease influenza has left us. All that escaped the disease may think themselves very lucky.

The people of this city who have been informed that there will be a considerable improvement in our city in the near future are very much pleased. One addition to our city will be quite an extension of Winchester avenue which will connect it with the Hoeds Creek pike.

Sheridan Thompson, who has been spending a few days with his sister at Louisa, has returned to this city where he is employed with the Ben Williamson Hardware Co.

We the friends of the Lawrence county people are proud to know that a majority of them were wise enough to take advantage of the State aid for the purpose of building hard roads in Lawrence county and we trust that it will be looked after by parties who will follow it faithfully through.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hayes were visiting in Ashland some few days ago. Miss Claude Hammond attended church at South Ashland Sunday.

### A LAWRENCE COUNTEAN.

### ROCKY VALLEY

Church at this place Sunday and Sunday night was largely attended. Mrs. Jane Peters, Misses Opal Hardwick and Myrtle York and Lakin Peters attended church here Sunday night.

The sick of our community are better.

Mrs. Laura Wells spent Sunday with Mrs. Luther Vinson.

Ishmael Harris and Luther Copley left Saturday for Coal River to work. Talmage Wells was in Louisa Saturday.

Jay Hardwick of Three Mile was a caller here Sunday.

Church here third Sunday in April. Everybody invited.

### FRECKLES.

Revival starts April 21. As will be seen by announcement in the church column this week a series of revival services will start at the M. E. Church South in Louisa April 21st. The three Wisdom Sisters, known throughout the south for their singing and other helpful work in revivals, have been engaged for the meetings.

### WILL SELECT RHODES SCHOLAR NEXT FALL

Lexington, Ky., March 17.—Dr. John J. Tigert of the University of Kentucky, secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Committee for Kentucky, announced today that Kentucky would select a student for Oxford College, England, next September. Applications must be between 19 and 24 years old and unmarried. No examination is required, the selection being made from the applicant's record in college. Popularity and qualities of leadership are included.

The committee is composed of President M. B. Adams, Georgetown College, chairman; J. J. Tigert, secretary; W. P. Rainey, University of Louisville; Charles A. Heith, Eastern Kentucky Normal School, Richmond; and W. S. Hamilton, University of Kentucky.

### PRESTONSBURG POSTMASTER.

Mrs. Zula Spradlin, who had been postmaster at Prestonsburg since the death a few years ago of her husband, Jas. H. Spradlin, has resigned and returned to Bowling Green. She will make her home there with her parents where her children have been for some time.

Mr. J. M. Davidson is filling the place of postmaster at Prestonsburg.

### KENTUCKY GETS COLORS.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—Regimental colors of the Twenty-fifth Field Artillery, formerly stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama, were sent to the Adjutant General of Kentucky today by order of the Secretary of War. There were more Kentuckians in the regiment than soldiers from any other State. A plan for placing on display at the Capitol all World War flags of the Kentucky troops is being considered.

### ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To all Sunday School workers of Lawrence county: Where you haven't any Sunday Schools, please organize at once, not later than April 4, 1920. Get ready for Go-to-Sunday-School day, May 2nd. The officers and members of the Lawrence county Sunday Schools met at Louisa March 7th and it was agreed to make a house to house canvass for Go-to-Sunday-School day. In order to do this we must work hard and pray that this will be a great Sunday School year. Let every superintendent in Lawrence county attend to this matter. Go to work at once. Let us make this a great Sunday School year, greater than ever before.

JAMES P. PRINCE, Sec.

### OIL SUPPLY STORE OPENED IN LOUISA

The Continental Supply company is opening its oil well supply store in the Snyder building alongside the freight depot and will soon be ready to deliver goods. This will be a great convenience to the many operators now in this field.

### CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will serve a chicken supper in the basement of the church on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 5 o'clock.

The Young People's Missionary Society will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the M. E. Church South.

Mrs. J. B. Peters and Miss Dollie Peters entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon.

### M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Rev. James D. Bell left Monday for a vacation of three or four weeks to be spent with his father in southern Alabama. He was detained here about a week by the illness of Mrs. Bell, who is now about well.

Rev. C. A. Slaughter, presiding elder, came to Louisa Saturday morning expecting to go to the Blaine Circuit, but roads were so bad that he could not get out, so he preached in Louisa Sunday, both morning and evening and a quarterly conference in the afternoon. He delivered two exceedingly strong sermons.

Revival services will start at the Louisa church on Wednesday, April 21. Rev. Bell will do the preaching. The Wisdom Sisters, of Missouri, have been engaged to assist in the meeting.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.  
Morning service 10:30.  
Evening service 7:00 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.  
Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m.  
Choir practice from 6 to 6:40 p. m. Friday.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.  
JAS. D. BELL, Pastor.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.  
Preaching service 10:30 a. m.  
Evening worship 6 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p. m.  
First Wednesday night in each month business meeting.  
You are cordially invited to attend all services.  
J. T. POPE, Pastor.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services were held at the Christian Church last Sunday night. Rev. H. W. Williams, of this place, preached. Sunday School every Sunday 9:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30.